

**National  
Committee to  
Preserve  
Social Security  
and Medicare**

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The Honorable John Dingell  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

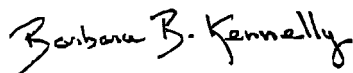
Dear Congressman Dingell:

On behalf of the millions of members and supporters of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare (NCPSSM), I am writing to express our support for your bill, "Save Our States Act of 2003."

The legislation would provide much needed financial assistance to our states that are in the worst financial condition since World War II. Because Medicaid accounts for the second largest expenditure for most state budgets, Medicaid coverage for seniors is at risk, specifically for long term care services, prescription drug coverage and low-income provisions. Your legislation would also help provide home and community-based long term care services to seniors and the disabled, giving them other options besides nursing homes for additional care.

We so appreciate your leadership on this issue. This extremely important legislation will benefit all seniors and ensure appropriate access to healthcare services for more than five million seniors. Thank you so for all your hard work. We are all so pleased you are back in good health.

Cordially,



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President and CEO